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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0759  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE  
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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, ST. PETERSBURG,FLA.

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PASS COMMERCE FOR NOAA., MEXICO FOR RFA

EO 11652:NA  
TAGS: EFIS, BR, US  
SUBJ: TOTAL OF SEIZED SHRIMP BOATS RISES TO FIVE

REF: A) BELEM 152  
B) AMEMBASSY BRASILIA-AMCONSULATE BELEM TELCONS JUNE 10 AND 12

1. CONSULATE HAS LEARNED THAT TWO OTHER US-REGISTRY VESSELS IN ADDITION TO THOSE IDENTIFIED REFTEL WERE SEIZED JUNE 9 AND ARE IN BRAZILIAN CUSTODY. THEY ARE 'LIBERTY', BELONGING TO SHALMAN SEAFOODS, AND 'QUEEN SHRIMPER', APPARENTLY PROPERTY OF SUPERIOR SEAFOODS, TAMPA. LATTER TWO BOATS DUE IN BELEM LATE TODAY.

2. FIRST THREE VESSELS REPORTED SEIZED ARE NOW IN BELEM AND WERE VISITED JUNE 12 BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER. CREW OF TWO VESSELS ARE ALL GUYANESE. THIRD BOAT HAS SURINAMESE CAPTAIN AND TWO BRAZILIAN CREW MEMBERS. THERE ARE NO AMERICAN CITIZENS AMONG CREW OF ANY BOATS INVOLVED ACCORDING TO CAPTAINS I SPOKE WITH.

3. BRAZILIAN NAVY VESSELS REPORTEDLY FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF SHRIMPERS DURING SEIZURE. HOWEVER, THESE

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APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ONLY WARNING SHOTS. ONE CAPTAIN SAID HE DELIBERATELY INVITED WARNING FIRE BY IGNORING ORDERS OF BRAZILIAN PATROL IN HOPES OF CREATING DIVERSION THAT WOULD ALLOW SEVERAL OTHERS BOATS IN AREA TO ESCAPE.

4. CONSULATE HAS BEEN IN FURTHER CONTACT TODAY WITH NAVY HQ AND WITH LOCAL AGENT FOR SHALMAN SEAFOODS. LATTER, IN TURN, REMAINS IN TOUCH WITH COMPANY RE PAYMENT OF FINE AND OTHER

DETAILS OF RELEASE.

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